

The Federal Communications Commission
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Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC.

Please help keep the fee structure as it is now. The only way I can afford a cell phone is under the existing fee structure. Fees for the mega company plans have priced me out of being able to use their plans. They quote \$29.95, but when you get the bill, it's \$40.00 per month, after fees, taxes, access fees, etc., etc.

I'm 60 years old and retired, and I need the safety of a cell phone when I am out and about. If you don't keep the existing fee structure, I won't be able to have that protection. Would you want any of your loved ones at risk simply because they can't afford a cell phone?

I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers.

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan. Thank you, and best of luck in your new position.

cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

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